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**SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
RECORDS, 1982–1995**

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

The Southside Community Advisory Council (SCAC) was founded in March 1982 to serve as the “pulse” of Indianapolis’ southside. Members worked to address various concerns regarding education, economic development, housing, recreation, health, and public safety. The nucleus of the council’s efforts was Emmerich Manual High School, which has been an integral part of the community since the school’s relocation to the southside in the early 1950s.

Manual High School was the focus of the council’s earliest efforts and remained an important topic throughout the organization’s history. The group supported various projects at the school such as updating the industrial arts department’s equipment, renovating and expanding the music department, constructing a new football field and baseball diamond, paving the student parking lot, and helping with the adult evening school. Budget and administrative changes at Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) often impacted the speed at which these projects were tackled, so SCAC members maintained regular communication with IPS and city leaders to make sure these jobs were completed.

Similar advocacy efforts were made on behalf of IPS Schools #31 and #35, which had both deteriorated throughout the years. Part of this work involved the council calling for greater southside representation on the IPS School Board. While SCAC was nonpartisan, its members did agree to vote for candidates from the area.

Another priority for the Southside Community Advisory Council was public safety. Members worked with City of Indianapolis officials to improve roads and bridges, address zoning violations and increase police presence in the community, especially in and around Garfield Park. The council also supported the creation of a new Fire Station #29. The old station at 2302 Shelby Street was deteriorated and lacked enough space for firefighters. Working with city leaders and other southside organizations, the group was able to have a new station built at 602 East Pleasant Run Parkway.

Lastly, SCAC produced the Southside Community Advisory Council Resource Handbook. This book provided a list of various social service organizations on the southside.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains materials related to the Southside Community Advisory Council (SCAC) including council history, articles of incorporation, bylaws, membership lists, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and correspondence. There is also information about Manual High School, IPS and the various departments of the City of Indianapolis.

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